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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Application No.:  
Filed:  
For:C. Willkens  
~~09/828,484~~ 10/090468  
March 4, 2002  
CERAMIC IGNITERSGroup No.: 3742  
Examiner: J. JeffreyAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is
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- ☐
- a small entity.
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- other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) -- If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

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unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

Fee: \$ 930.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 930.00

OR

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)					(Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total	* Minus	**	=	x \$9 =	\$0			x \$18 =	\$	
Indep.	* Minus	***	=	x \$42 =	\$0			x \$84 =	\$0	
[ ] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$140 =	\$0		+ \$280 =	\$0	
Total Addit. Fee					\$		OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$	

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
 \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".  
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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) [ ] No additional fee for claims is required.  
 OR  
 (d) [ ] Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**FEE PAYMENT**

5. [X] Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 930.00.  
 [ ] Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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6. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

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AND/OR

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Docket No. 55567

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SERIAL NO.: 09/828,484

EXAMINER: J. Jeffrey

FILED: March 4, 2002

GROUP: 3742

FOR: CERAMIC IGNITERS

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

SIR:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claims.

1. (amended) A sintered ceramic igniter element comprising a conductive zone, a power booster zone, and a hot zone,  
the booster zone having a PTCR and a resistivity greater than the conductive zone and less than the hot zone,  
the hot zone having a resistivity greater than the booster zone,  
wherein the hot zone path length is about 2 cm or less.

4. (amended) An igniter element of claim 1 wherein the igniter comprises in sequence the conductive zone, the booster zone and the hot zone.